department could not do anything further in the matter without bringing the irregularities to the notice of the General Body; and the General Body would not meet in spite of innumerable attempts of the Department to persuade the members to meet and understand the situation. At last on 1st Vrischigam 1100 a general meeting became possible at which a reconstitution of the committee took place. The new committee is taking regular action in the matter of these bonds. It has also been advised to take action if necessary against the old committee for the irregularities.

Exemptions from age limit.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

18. Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table of the House the names of persons who were given exemption from age limit referred to in rule 8 of the Cochin Standing Orders during the last decade?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

The Government cannot find time to do this laborious work.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

Is it, Sir, because of the fact that there are a large number of such persons?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

It is not on account of the great number of persons, but it is on account of the time and energy necessary for the laborious search.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

How did the Government come to know that the work will become laborious without knowing the number.

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

Various offices have to be hunted for the information. It is not possible to do so. They do not keep separate Registers for this.

Officers removed for chronic indebtedness.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

19. Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table of the House a list of Government servants who were removed from the public service on account of chronic indebtedness referred to in rule 61 of the Cochin Standing Orders during the last decade?

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Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

It is not possible to furnish an exhaustive list, as no special registers are maintained to note such instances. The records of some of the Offices have already been destroyed.

Officers who acted as arbitrators.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

20. Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table of the House a list of Officers who were given sanction under rule 70 of the Cochin Standing Orders to act as arbitrators, etc., during the last 5 years?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

It does not appear that there has been any such instance during the last 5 years.

Working of the Cochin Tanneries.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

21. Was an Expert got down from British India to report on the working of the Cochin Tanneries Ltd., and at whose expense? Has he submitted any report? If so, will the Government be pleased to state what action, if any, they propose to take about it?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

Yes; at the expense of the Company. He has submitted a report and the matter is under consideration.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

May I know when the report was submitted and at what stage the consideration has reached?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

Government cannot give a definite undertaking. The question is under consideration, Sir.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

How many years is it since it was published?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

About a few months, not years; and as to the number of months, we cannot answer readily.

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